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SUBJECT: PRESS TREATMENT OF PROPOSED NEW ISRAELI  
- SETTLEMENTS

SUMMARY. ISRAELI SETTLEMENT PLANS ARE PLAYED IN LOW KEY  
BY EGYPTIAN PRESS, ALTHOUGH GOE OFFICIALS TELL US THERE  
IS WIDESPREAD BELIEF HERE THAT ISRAELI PLANS WERE REVEALED  
AT THIS TIME TO COMPLICATE NEGOTIATIONS AT CAMP DAVID.  
END SUMMARY.

1. PLANNED WEST BANK SETTLEMENTS. AHRAH AUGUST 15 HIGH-  
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LIGHTS HODDING CARTER'S AFFIRMATION THAT U.S. OPPOSITION  
TO ISRAELI ESTABLISHMENT OF SETTLEMENTS IN OCCUPIED ARAB  
TERRITORY REMAINS UNCHANGED. ACCORDING TO PRESS, CARTER  
SAID WASHINGTON IS IN CONTACT WITH ISRAEL THROUGH THE  
AMBASSADOR REGARDING THIS ISSUE; STATE DEPT OFFICIALS ARE  
QUOTED AS SAYING U.S. LODGED COMPLAINT WITH ISRAEL OVER  
PROPOSED SETTLEMENTS. SAME STORY REPORTS THAT SECRETARY

SAID AFTER HIS MEETING WITH SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE THAT THE U.S. OPPOSES ISRAEL'S PLANS TO SET UP NEW SETTLEMENTS IN THE WEST BANK. SECRETARY REPORTEDLY EXPRESSED RELIEF AT ISRAELI GOVERNMENT DECISION TO POSTPONE TAKING PRACTICAL MEASURES IN THIS RESPECT UNTIL AFTER CAMP DAVID MEETING. PRESS ALSO REPORTS CRITICISM IN ISRAEL OF GOVERNMENT'S HANDLING OF ISSUE: IT NOTES HA'ARETZ CRITICISM THAT DECISION IS "PROVOCATIVE" AND COMMENTS THAT MOST ISRAELI PAPERS FAVOR A FREEZE UNTIL CAMP DAVID MEETING IS OVER. ISRAELI CABINET'S DECISION TO DELAY THE ESTABLISHMENT OF SETTLEMENTS UNTIL AFTER THE CAMP DAVID MEETING IS ALSO A FRONT-PAGE STORY.

2. COMMENT: THERE IS NO EDITORIAL COMMENT ON THIS ISSUE, BUT IT IS PLAYED SO AS TO SUGGEST THAT ISRAELI DECISION HAS PROVOKED STRONG U.S. OPPOSITION. ONE HIGH-LEVEL FOREIGN OFFICE OFFICIAL TOLD US THAT GOE WOULD ATTEMPT TO PLAY DOWN MATTER IN THE MEDIA, DESPITE WHAT HE TERMED WIDESPREAD VIEW IN EGYPTIAN GOVT THAT ISRAELI PLANS WERE REVEALED NOW IN ORDER TO SOUR ATMOSPHERE AT CAMP DAVID.

3. WHAT WILL HAPPEN AT CAMP DAVID? DEPT SPOKESMAN'S EXPRESSION OF HOPE THAT TRIPARTITE MEETING WILL LEAD TO FORMULATION OF FRAMEWORK FOR ME PEACE IS PROMINENTLY REPORTED. PRESS FURTHER REPORTS THAT STATE DEPARTMENT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AND NSC EXPERTS ARE WORKING SERIOUSLY TO DRAFT IDEAS AND PROPOSALS WHICH PRESIDENT CARTER MIGHT PRESENT AT CAMP DAVID. SECRETARY VANCE IS REPORTEDLY LEADING A GROUP OF EXPERTS WHO ARE DRAFTING PRINCIPLES BASED ON 242. AHAM DIPLOMATIC EDITOR HAMDI FUAD LINKS SEPTEMBER CAMP DAVID MEETING WITH PAST MEETING BETWEEN CARTER AND SADAT IN FEBRUARY. FUAD EMPHASIZES THAT FRAMEWORK FOR SETTLEMENT SHOULD BE ALONG LINES OF SADAT-CARTER JOINT COMMUNIQUE. AFTER LISTING POINTS IN COMMUNIQUE, FUAD SAYS AMERICA ALSO CONSIDERS IT NECESSARY TO CARRY OUT ALL ELEMENTS OF RESOLUTION 242 IN ORDER TO REACH A SETTLEMENT. ELTS

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